

Providence, July 31, 1874.

Dear Wife:

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Knowing how much I dislike to handle a pen, you will allow me to substitute a pencil to send you and all the dear ones at home my morning salutations.

I think I enjoyed the journey to this city more than at any previous trip, (aside from my lameness,) — the weather being superb, and not a particle of dust to annoy, because of the heavy rain the night previous. I arrived at Dr. Dow's door precisely as the clock struck 6, and found he was expecting me, in accordance with my letter. Mrs. Dow has given me her best chamber, connected with which is a large sitting-room handsomely furnished, where I can receive all callers. She has bought for my bed a canopy, so as to shut out from nocturnal visitations all mosquitoes, thus saving me from all annoyance on that score. In the course of the evening "cousin Julia"

called from over the way to give me her welcome and make inquiries about you all. (By the way, my chamber enables me to look at Miss Waterman's house, so that we could almost hold a tête-a-tête together. The only drawback, as a sleeping chamber, is the constant travel, late at night and very early in the morning - the house being directly on the street. There are some dogs in the neighborhood whose bark would be unexceptionable, if it were only on the sea.)

Before retiring to rest, Dr. Dow applied electricity to my left knee and spine, and expressed the hope I should sleep well; but what with the street travel and the pain I endured, I passed a miserable night. This morning I feel better, and the day is so glorious that I think of sailing down the harbor to Rocky Point - an excursion that I shall be tempted frequently to make; leaving Newport for a later day, when (as I hope) my locomotive powers will be improved.

Mrs. Currier (Mrs. Dow's friend), from East Boston, is making her a visit. She is an excellent medium, and we shall doubtless have some interesting séances. This morning, at breakfast, while I was showing the company my spirit photographs, the table lifted itself several times, with all the dishes thereon, as in confirmation of the authenticity of the photographs.

Dr. Dow said he saw brother Henry Anthony yesterday morning, and told him I was coming. The Providence Tribune this morning announces my arrival, to remain several weeks! See what it is to be enterprising in collecting intelligence.

I shall try to call at Charlotte's this afternoon.

I shall hope to hear that you are getting along comfortably. Mrs. Dow sends her regards, wishing you were here too. With kisses, for the grandchildren,

Ever your own W. L. G.

